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RECORDED INTERVIEW BETWEEN

[REDACTED] FBI 48

[REDACTED] FBI 27

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[REDACTED] Per. 29

[REDACTED]

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2 MR. HARBACH: Mm-hm. What about --

3 Per. 29 : That's a lot of tape.

4 MR. HARBACH: What about after you turned the
5 footage over to the Government? Have you watched it?

6 Per. 29 : To my recollection, I have not
7 watched it in full.

8 MR. HARBACH: Have you watched any of it?

9 Per. 29 : Yeah. I watched some of it being
10 outside counsel telling me, you know, hey, can you take a
11 screenshot of this time period for me and send it to us.
12 I'll take a screenshot and send it over to them.

13 MR. HARBACH: And so I want to --

14 Per. 29 : And I would just, like --
15 (indiscernible 01:04:58). Like, the raid day -- I remember
16 you guys subpoenaed the day of the raid at Mar-a-Lago. I
17 was watching that live, so --

18 MR. HARBACH: Okay.

19 Per. 29 : -- I knew what the tape was.

20 MR. HARBACH: Your observation a moment ago that
21 outside counsel might occasionally ask you to take a
22 screenshot. Do you recall if that is -- if they were
23 apprised of what was being turned over to the Government
24 before it was handed over and they made these requests, or
25 after, or both, or do you recall?

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2 Per. 29 : -- understanding of it -- almost
3 like it manages it, but it tells the cameras kind of -- the
4 cameras that are supposed to be on the system, where they're
5 supposed to be recording to, the rules of the system, who's
6 supposed to have access to the system. If we have to make a
7 change to the system, we mostly deal with the management
8 system. The management server has a management client on
9 it. That's where we go. The recording server just intakes
10 a video and archives it.

11 MR. HARBACH: I understand that when the FBI
12 executed the search warrant at Mar-a-Lago on August 8, I
13 think you said you watched it live. Our understanding --
14 and I'm asking so I want to help you -- I want to make sure
15 we have it right.

16 Per. 29 : Sure.

17 MR. HARBACH: Is that, at some point, the cameras
18 were turned off or the recording was turned off during that
19 time. I would like you to tell me what your memory is about
20 that.

21 Per. 29 : Okay. So my recollection of that
22 is I believe I got a call from Per. 76. I believe Per. 54 was
23 off that day. P.76 said that there was a raid --

24 MR. HARBACH: Per. 76 ?

25 Per. 29 : P.76 -- sorry, Per. 76. I don't --

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2 Per. 29 : -- want to say he said it was a
3 raid. I believe he said the FBI are here, they're going to
4 look at Mar-a-Lago, they're coming in. Secret Service -- or
5 however you phrase it, you have to turn the cameras off for
6 agent safety, and I believe I also spoke to Per. 75 , who
7 was in the office with Per. 76 , or wherever Per. 76 was, and
8 spoke to me and said the FBI would like the cameras off for
9 agent safety. So I kind of took that like you have to do
10 it, so I did it. I --

11 MR. HARBACH: What exactly --

12 Per. 29 : -- turned --

13 MR. HARBACH: -- did you do?

14 Per. 29 : I turned the servers off.

15 MR. HARBACH: And where were you when you did
16 this?

17 Per. 29 : I was at Trump Tower in my office.

18 MR. HARBACH: So you did it remotely.

19 Per. 29 : I did it remotely.

20 MR. HARBACH: What does that mean, turn the
21 servers off?

22 Per. 29 : So I would log into the server and
23 turn the servers off. I would log in as my user name on the
24 server, through the Windows button, shut off, shut off the
25 server.

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2 MR. HARBACH: And why did you choose that method?
3 In other words, would there have been an option short of
4 shutting the servers down to prevent surveillance or to stop
5 recording?

6 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : Say that again, sir?

7 MR. HARBACH: Was turning the -- why was turning
8 the servers off the only option?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : I mean, you could have had options
10 of turning off the ports to the switches, which would have
11 taken a long time to do. You could have turned off the
12 recording server itself, but lots of times you would get
13 error logs that way. The safest way would be to turn the
14 server off itself.

15 MR. HARBACH: Okay. What do you mean the safest
16 way?

17 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : So if you turn a server off -- if
18 you turn a recording service off, sometimes on the old
19 server, when you start it back up, you may get a few errors,
20 cache file needs to be rebuilt or something like that. For
21 something like it being agent safety, I believe I thought
22 the best way to be let's just turn the server off itself
23 rather than just turning off the services, because, I mean,
24 unless somebody knew the IP address of a camera and they can
25 view it from the network side itself, turning off the --

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2 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : -- server most likely was the
3 safest bet for us.

4 [REDACTED] FBI 27 : Does turning off the server just stop
5 the camera from recording or does that mean, like, you can't
6 see them remotely either?

7 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : It means that it's just not -- it's
8 not being stored, it's not going to -- it's not --
9 Milestone's offline.

10 [REDACTED] FBI 27 : Okay.

11 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : The cameras are still live on the
12 network, but Milestone itself is offline.

13 MR. HARBACH: So you could continue watching even
14 after you shut the servers down.

15 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : If you had access to the security
16 network, you could.

17 MR. HARBACH: I meant you personally.

18 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : If I wanted to.

19 MR. HARBACH: But I thought you said you watched
20 it live.

21 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : Well, I went upstairs to
22 Eric Trump's office and two lawyers -- can I speak about --

23 [REDACTED] : Well, don't talk about what you
24 talked about, but you can talk about what you did after you
25 left.

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2 Per. 29 : I turned the servers back on.

3 MR. HARBACH: Okay.

4 Per. 29 : I called Per. 76 and told P. 76 turn
5 the servers back on right now. P. 76 understood. I believe P. 76
6 sent me a G chat message when the servers were back online.

7 MR. HARBACH: Why did P. 76 have to do that? Why
8 couldn't you do it?

9 Per. 29 : Because the servers were offline.
10 That would actually be a power button or it would take
11 longer for me to find out with the IPMI, the outer band is
12 to turn it off if the outer band was on. I don't remember
13 on the old servers, but I couldn't physically turn the
14 server on.

15 MR. HARBACH: I see. So you can turn them off
16 remotely, but not on.

17 Per. 29 : At that time period --

18 MR. HARBACH: Yeah.

19 Per. 29 : -- I believe that was -- today, a
20 little bit different.

21 MR. HARBACH: Okay. And so Per. 76 turned them back
22 on?

23 Per. 29 : Correct.

24 MR. HARBACH: Did you have any other conversations
25 with either Per. 75 or any of the other law enforcement --

1 (02:14:24)

2 MR. HARBACH: -- personnel that day -- there that
3 day about this issue, about the cameras?

4 Per. 29 : About the camera issue? I don't
5 believe so.

6 MR. HARBACH: Okay.

7 FBI 48 : How much time between turning the
8 servers off and turning them back on?

9 Per. 29 : I don't know. I would have to --
10 it was a pretty short timeframe, I would say.

11 FBI 48 : Okay.

12 Per. 29 : Yeah.

13 FBI 48 : The search was still occurring, right?

14 Per. 29 : Correct. Yes, the search was still
15 occurring.

16 MR. HARBACH: So you mentioned a moment ago that
17 if you had just turned the recording service off that one
18 disadvantage of that was that it would -- might produce
19 error messages when you turned the recording service back
20 on, right?

21 Per. 29 : Correct.

22 MR. HARBACH: And that just turning the servers
23 off would not present that problem?

24 Per. 29 : It could, but I thought it was the
25 safest way to go.

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2 MR. HARBACH: Okay. In fact, did that gap of when
3 the servers were off produce any error messages in the logs?

4 Per. 29: I don't -- I would have to check to
5 be honest with you.

6 MR. HARBACH: You don't know?

7 Per. 29: No.

8 MR. HARBACH: Do you know whether, in general,
9 turning the servers off would produce error messages or
10 other artifacts on the log?

11 Per. 29: It would -- I mean, the Windows log
12 would say the server was off and the server was turned back
13 on. It would say that for sure. Milestone services would
14 stop and come back online. When you shut a server off, it
15 goes through the steps of shutting off the Milestone
16 services before the box itself goes offline.

17 MR. HARBACH: I see. And what about individual
18 cameras? Is it possible to disable individual cameras
19 remotely?

20 Per. 29: It is possible to disable them.
21 I'm trying to think of the best way to explain.

22 MR. HARBACH: Well, and let me be precise about
23 what I mean by disable, stop a camera from recording or stop
24 recording a feed from a particular camera.

25 Per. 29: So one way you could do it, and --